

Invitation for an international youth conference in Bratislava**9th – 15th August 2015**

Young Leaders for Tomorrow's Europe (YLTE) is an international conference organized by the *For Tomorrow's Europe* initiative and European alumni of the Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellowship.

The second edition of YLTE will take place in Bratislava, August 9-15, 2015. Youth from across Eurasia and the United States will learn, debate on and address questions related to the integration of minorities and immigrants, the rise of populism, and the rise of a new security agenda. Through field visits in Slovakia and Hungary, debates with national and European politicians and diplomats on the major international challenges of the day, and thanks to vibrant workshops with experts in their field, participants will leave with knowledge and experience to become the Young Leaders for Tomorrow's Europe.

Participation

Contrary to last year, this edition of YLTE is open to **all youths between 18-24 years of age** interested in international affairs, security issues and minority disputes. Applicants will be expected to highlight any experience in these fields and be proficient in English, the conference's working language. The application form is to be filled out by **5th April 2015 at 23:59 hrs (CET)**. The applicants will be ranked according to their answers and experience demonstrated and the first thirty successful applicants will be informed of their selection by 12th April. These applicants will be expected to **confirm their acceptance** within **one week** from the date of announcement and **confirm their participation five days later**. **Confirmation of participation will mean that the participant will have secured funding, personal, private or public, to take part in YLTE 2015.** Failure to confirm acceptance and participation by the above mentioned deadlines will mean forfeiture of the position which will go to the candidate ranked next.

Costs:

The participation fee is **\$150** for all participants. **Travel costs** from the participant's city of residence to Bratislava and back and **visa costs** (if necessary) will also have to be paid by the participants **or** their sponsors. However, **accommodation and food** as well as **transportation costs for programme purposes in Slovakia and Hungary** will be organised and paid for by the project organisers. Applicants are strongly encouraged to seek sponsors to fund their participation and to start the process before announcement of selection. **They may check with the United States Embassy in their country of residence for any possible grants.** Kindly note that the final decision to award any such grants will be the prerogative of that United States Embassy and the deadlines mentioned in the **Participation** section should be adhered to in all cases. The organising team will be more than happy to provide any information to sponsors to improve your chances of being awarded a grant.

Application form

Submit your application to: ylte.bratislava@gmail.com by April 5th until 23:59 hrs (Central European Time)

Eligible participants must be between 18-24 as of August 9th, 2015 and come from these countries:

EU 28 Member States, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Kosovo (Republic of), Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Republic of), Moldova (Republic of), Montenegro, Norway, Russia, Serbia, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, United States, Uzbekistan

*Application deadline: **April 5, 2015***

APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION	
Last Name	
First Name	
Date of birth (day/month/year)	
City of birth	
Country of birth	
Current country of residence	
Current nationality	
Passport number	
Gender	
Home address	
Telephone number (including country code)	
E-mail	
Name of institution of higher education/university	
Field of study (if applicable)	
Any other relevant educational,	

academic and professional experience or training	
ESSAY QUESTION	
<p>Q1: What is your motivation for participating in this conference, and what do you expect to gain from it? In your essay, please also describe your views on how young people can contribute to processes of integration of minorities in your country/local community.</p> <p>Your response should not exceed more than 650 words.</p>	
OTHER QUESTIONS AND CHECKLIST	
<p>Have you participated in any of the US State Department programs?</p> <p>If yes, which one(s)?</p>	
<p>What is your level of English? (spoken, written, read)</p> <p>(Please refer to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Note that fluency in English is required for this conference)</p>	
<p>What other languages do you speak?</p> <p>(Please state language knowledge at B1 level and above)</p>	
<p>Do you have any special requirements?</p> <p>(Medical, physical, or other personal considerations)</p>	
<p>Do you have any dietary restrictions?</p> <p>Please respond yes/no. If yes, which?</p>	
<p>Please provide emergency contact name, number and email address.</p>	

ATTESTATION

I acknowledge that the information provided above (and any associated information which I have provided in reference to this application), is true and complete. I recognize and accept that providing false, misleading, or intentionally incomplete information will provoke immediate refusal of my application.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Questions regarding the application form:

Should you have questions regarding this application form, please contact the organizers of the ***Young Leaders for Tomorrow's Europe*** program at

ylte.bratislava@gmail.com

Checking the application package:

- ✓ The application form is duly completed in English
- ✓ The word limit for the essay question is respected
- ✓ The application form is in Word format (not PDF)
- ✓ The application form is saved with this format:

COUNTRY_LAST NAME_NAME_YLTE_2015.doc(x)

Submitting your application package:

You need to send your application package by email to yte.bratislava@gmail.com with the email subject line in this format „COUNTRY_LAST NAME_NAME_YLTE_2015“. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed and considered. Application packages sent by fax, regular mail or express mail will not be accepted.

Please note that applications from countries other than those listed will be automatically rejected.

Application deadline:

Your complete application package must reach the organizers of the Young Leaders for Tomorrow's Europe program by **23:59 (Central European time) on April 5, 2015 at the very latest**. Application packages received after this deadline will not be considered.

Feedback process:

All applications will be reviewed by the organizing committee by the 12th April 2015. The selected participants will be contacted and informed about the next steps in logistical arrangements. Participants who are not chosen will also be contacted.

Please be fair: Notification of cancellation must be made in writing and sent to the organizers by email as soon as possible, allowing the 'alternate' candidates to substitute.